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In re application: **Chastain et al.**

Serial No.: **09/900,551**

Filed: **July 6, 2001**

For: **Method and System for Automated Collaboration Using Electronic Book Highlights and Notations**

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